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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY

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1. DR. GUIDO BELSASSO INFORMED EMBOFF OCTOBER 9 THAT CEMEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD MET LAST FRIDAY AND APPROVED ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE SUGGESTED PARA 2 OF STATE 191820. ATTORNEY GENERAL (WHO MEMBER OF CEMEF BOARD) REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT LANGUAGE IN LETTER CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES MUST (FOR REASON GIVEN IN MEXICO 7335) REMAIN AS DRAFTED IN CEMEF'S MOST RECENTLY PROPOSED DRAFT, TRANSMITTED IN MEXICO 6766. THAT IS: "THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS PROJECT WILL BE SAODAP OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND CEMEF WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO".

2. THE CEMEF BOARD ALSO AGREED TO AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO FORMALIZE THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFERING HIS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING QUICK ACTION BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING DRAFT NOTE FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL:
QUOTE:

"EXCELLENCY:

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I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS EMBASSY AND OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF), AND TO CONFIRM TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE CEMEF WITH A TOTAL OF ONE MAN YEAR OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS CONSULTANTS IN THE FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF AN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY OF NARCOTICS ABUSE IN MEXICO AND AS TEACHERS IN A GRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS, WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY.

THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

(1) THE PURPOSE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS TO ENABLE CEMEF TO CARRY OUT A TWO-YEAR EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY ON THE USE AND MISUSE OF LEGAL PSYCHOACTIVE DRUGS AND ILLICIT DRUGS AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO JOINT, ONGOING UNITED STATES/MEXICAN EFFORTS TO CURB DRUG ABUSE.

(2) THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE FINANCED BY A SPECIAL GRANT NOT TO EXCEED US \$75,650 AND CONTRACTED TO THE RESOURCE PLANNING CORPORATION OF MIAMI, FLORIDA.

(3) CEMEF AGREES THAT IT WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES (OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED UNDER THE PROPOSED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT) TO CARRY OUT THE FULL TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

(4) ACCESS WILL BE GIVEN AT ANY TIME TO PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION (SAODAP) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING THE WORK OF THE RESOURCE PLANNING CORPORATION OF MIAMI, AND CEMEF WILL GIVE AN OPINION TO SAODAP ON THE WORK CARRIED OUT AT THE END OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD AND AT SUCH OTHER TIMES AS SAODAP SHALL REQUEST.

(5) THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS PROJECT WILL BE SAODAP OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND CEMEF WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

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AGREES TO THE FOREGOING, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY EXPRESSING THE ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."
END QUOTE

3. BELASSO ALSO INFORMED EMBOFF HE WOULD BE OUT OF COUNTRY FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING OCT. 15. IN ORDER TO AVOID THIS FURTHER DELAY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE THIS WEEK. ASSUMING AGREEMENT, DR. CHAMBERS COULD THEN BE ALERTED AND COULD PLAN TO BEGIN WORK IN MEXICO AT EARLIEST DATE.

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